Shifting of Monuments in Madhya Pradesh

2499. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in Madhya Pradesh four most important historical monuments have been identified for preservation shifting from their original sites ;

(b) if so, the details of the monuments and whether there are possibilities of these monuments to be submerged in the Narmada Waters following the construction of Sardar Sarovar dam ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Narmada Control Authority have allocated nearly 20 lakhs to the Central Archaeological Department for the protection of these monuments; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SEWA): (a) and (b) On account of the proposed construction of dams on the river Narmada, one centrally protected monument, CHOUBIS AVTAR TEMPLE MANDHATA, DISTRICT KHANDWA has been identified for transplantation.

(c) and (d) Narmada Valley Development Authority (NVDA) has deposited Rs. 15.00 lakhs for the transplantation of this temple. The documentation work has been completed.

Seminar on "Women challenges for 1990's"

2500. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be peased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that at a South Asian Seminar on "Women challenges for 1990's" held in New Delhi recently, attention was drawn to the facts that two third of the 960 milllon illiterates in the world are women and 70 percent of these illiterate women are concentrated in six countries *i.e.* India; Bangladesh, Pakistan, China, Indonesia and Nigeria ;

(b) if so, what specific suggestions and observations relating to welfare and upliftment of women in India were made at the Seminar ; and

(c) what is Goverment's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIR AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI MAMTA BANERJEE) : (a) Yes, Sir. The stated figures are contained in a UNICEF booklet which was circulated at the South Asian Seminar on Women held on June 3—5, 1992 at New Delhi.

(b) The South Asian Seminar on Women while deliberating over the existing imbalances in the situation of women in the region including that of the girl child, identified the challenges for the 1990's and outlined the strategies for meeting those challenges. These were in the areas of awareness generation, sensitisation to gender issues, literacy and education, employment, health, care of the girl child/adolescent girls, follow-up of the World Summit for children, institutional mechanism and networking and support services.